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Charleston business owners share experiences with running a business in a small town.

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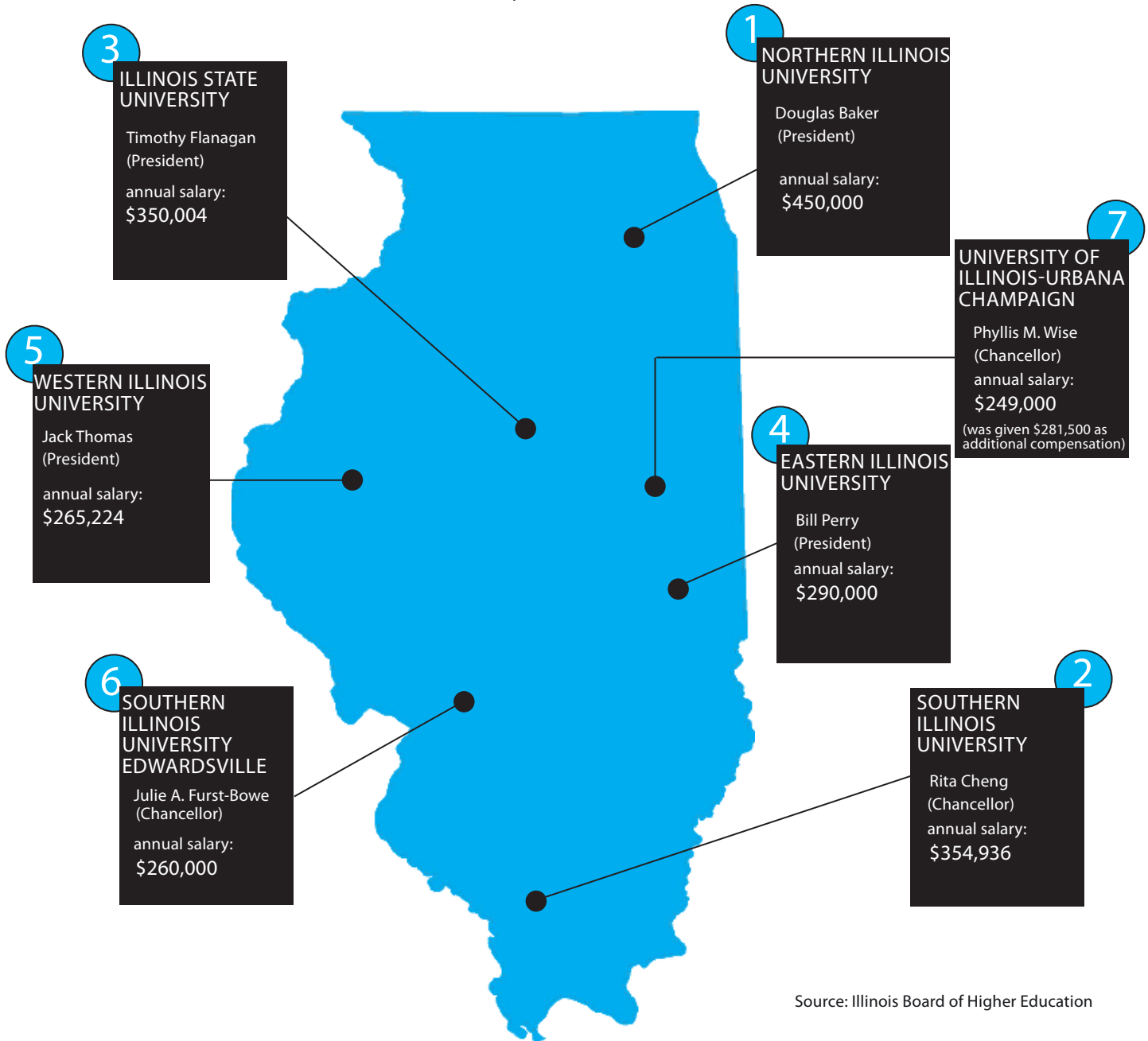
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Eastern presidential salary ranks 4 out of 7, comparatively



Source: Illinois Board of Higher Education

David Glassman, the newly appointed Eastern president, will start with an annual salary at the same amount as current President Bill Perry. Glassman will also receive \$32,289 for housing and living expenses. Perry made the fourth largest salary out of seven comparable universities in 2014.

Budget plan could cut education funding

By Stephanie Markham
News Editor | @stephm202

The Illinois House approved a plan Tuesday that would cut 2.25 percent of funding for education and other areas for the rest of the fiscal year, which at Eastern would mean taking about \$1 million out of its \$44 million in appropriations.

The plan sponsored by Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan would cut \$300 million from various areas, and schools could lose \$150 million by the end of June, according to an article in The Chicago Tribune.

The plan is also in accordance with Gov. Bruce Rauner's attempt to reduce a \$1.6 billion

deficit in the state budget, according to the Chicago Tribune.

The Senate is scheduled to vote on the plan Thursday.

If approved, the state would rescind 2.25 percent of its allocated funds to certain areas for the remaining three months of fiscal year 2015.

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Art department secretary furthered faculty, students

By Stephanie Markham
News Editor | @stephm202

Described as the go-to-person in the art department, a "second mom" to students and a meticulous worker, office secretary Sue Rardin died Tuesday afternoon in her home. She was 56.

David Griffin, the art department chair, has worked in the department for more than 22 years and said he can't remember a time when Rardin wasn't there.

He said Rardin knew everything about the department and connected with people all over campus.

"We always joke that if you really want the correct answer, you go to see Sue," Griffin said.

"You can ask the faculty, but even they're going to come ask Sue."

The small size of the art department is conducive to an atmosphere where everyone knows one another; as such, the students knew they could go to Rardin for whatever they needed, Griffin said.

"They all thought she was their second mom; I mean a lot of them would call her that," he said. "She loved and cared for every one of them."

Glenn Hild, the interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, worked with Rardin for about 12 years when he was chair of the art department.

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Quiet, adventurous Taylor service worker dies at 51

By Stephanie Markham
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James Neason, a building service worker in Taylor Hall who has worked at Eastern for the past three years, died at 8:21 a.m. Monday in his home. He was 51.

Though he was quiet around those who did not know him, those who did remember him as a fun person who was happiest when doing something outdoors.

A certified skydiver who served in the Marines, Neason was known by his friends as "Jumpin' Jimmy."

Jim Lay, a building service worker in Thomas Hall, got out of the Army around the same

time Neason got out of the Marines; the two met at American Pad & Paper Company where they worked together for about 20 years.

Lay recalled his best memory with Neason was doing activities together like hunting, fishing, competing in 3D archery tournaments and jumping out of planes.

"Skydiving was probably the dumbest thing we ever did," Lay said. "Actually we hadn't even been drinking; we had just been sitting around talking at work, and he wanted to do it, and we decided to go do it."

The first time they went, they did a tandem jump in Taylorville.

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Proposed bill would dwindle MAP Grant eligibility

By Stephanie Markham
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Out of the 2,460 students who currently receive MAP Grants at Eastern, 11.5 percent of them would not be considered eligible for them under a new bill that was proposed in the Illinois House.

Carol Waldmann, the interim director of financial aid, said 284 of the students who are receiving MAP Grants this year did not have a 3.0 GPA or an 18 ACT score coming out of high school, which are the criteria to receive the grant under House Bill 3974.

Rep. Reggie Phillips first filed the bill on Feb. 27; it was referred to the House Rules Committee on Monday and the Higher Education Committee on Tuesday.

The bill would amend the Higher Education Student Assistance Act to say that beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, an applicant who is a freshman dependent college student must have achieved an 18 composite score on their ACT or a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale in high school to be eligible to receive MAP Grants.

Waldman said the 284 MAP Grant recipients at Eastern receive a total of \$1,093,355 from the grant program.

She said of those students, 189 are female and 95 are male, while 52 are white, nine have unknown ethnicity reported and 223 are other than white.

Waldmann said she is concerned this bill might adversely affect the ability of women and racial minorities to attend college.


She said she is also wondering how much it would cost for the state to manage and monitor the collections of MAP Grants.

Phillips could not be reached for comment about the bill.

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Pastel perspective



BY ROBERTO HODGE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Cora Prothman, a freshman art major, draws in pastel, a perspective piece for her art class, which is done every Monday and Wednesday in the Doudna Fine Arts center.

CAA to review further class revisions

By Dalton Wikerson
Staff Reporter | [@DEN_News](https://twitter.com/DEN_News)

The Council on Academic Affairs will be meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Booth Library in order to discuss further course revisions for the next academic year. However, the council will not have any immediate items to vote on during the meeting. Instead, the council will look at items to be added in their next meeting. The School of Business is to modify its graduation requirements. The proposed change will enable business major students to take a broader group of classes to develop greater critical thinking and reasoning skills.

Potential courses students could take in order to graduate are CMN 2040: Argumentation and Critical Thinking; ECN 3450: Game Theory; GEG 3810: Geographic Information Systems 1; MAT 2110G: Brief Calculus with Applications; MIS 3505: Advanced Microcomputer Applications and Development; OSC 3800: Spreadsheet Modeling and Analysis for Management Decision Making; OSC 4820: Business Analytics and Data Mining and PHI 1900G: Logical and Critical Reasoning. All of these would be offered along with the already required course list. A new history course, HIS 3910: The Family in American History, would reflect four decades of “rich historical scholarship” about the subject itself, according to

the memo. The course would also expose students to the process of family history, which according to the memo, is a “different animal than something like military or political history.” The memo also said the course would be different from SOC 2830: Family and Society, and it will cover a longer time period, starting from the colonial era, and includes an analysis of factors influencing social and culture change. The agenda also includes revisions to ART 3111: Sculpture 2, and ART 3112: Sculpture 3. These revisions would allow students to enroll every fall and spring semester as opposed to the current every third-semester rotation. The change is intended to help students graduate on time.

Also in the agenda are proposed changes to the bachelor of fine arts, graphic design option and studio art 2D or 3D option, as well as Bachelor of Arts studio art 2D or 3D option. These changes are seeking to allow schedule flexibility by offering extra suitable courses to fulfill graduation requirements. The new class would be ART 2012G: Nonwestern Fine Arts. Nonwestern Fine Arts will also be offered to those seeking a minor in art history.

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Kids to experience arts, crafts on campus

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Buzzard Hall will once again be transformed into an eventful arts and crafts center for the annual Kids Day Out at 9 a.m. Saturday. Doug Bower, the associate dean of education and professional studies, said the event has been going on twice a year for at least five years, and it is hosted by the Education Scholars. Children ranging in age from preschool to sixth grade, as well as faculty, staff and students, spend half the day on campus playing games, learning new skills and participating in activities, Bower said.

Each year the event has a new theme, with previous years being “Monsters University” and “Despicable Me 2,” and “Rio 2.” This semester’s theme is “Looney Tunes featuring Space Jam,” which will allow the children to play puzzles and games centered on Tweety Bird. Bower said last semester had 50 children and 62 volunteers, this semester will have 55 children and 68 volunteers. He said a lot of the same children from the last event are coming back, which is not unusual. Natalee Black, the office clerk for the dean of education office, said her 7-year-old son, Paul Sbrana, has been

coming to Kids Day Out for the last three years. Black said one of the best aspects is that there is always something new to enjoy. She said she likes that her son is able to see the fun side of college in terms of meeting new people and get out of his comfort zone. Bower said one of the scientific activities will tie-in with “Space Jam” theme. Children will make use of templates and put them in front of a flashlight to make stars and constellations; the children will also be able to make rocket ships out of paper airplanes. There will be a miniature golf course with plastic golf clubs and

children can make masks of “Looney Tunes” characters. Bower said “Frozen” is really popular with young girls, but not so much with the boys, so they decided to go with a theme both genders would like. Bower said students want to give service to their community. “They just want to volunteer service to the community and experience working with kids—to have 60+ students give up their morning in late March/April is a big deal,” Bower said.

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Business owners give tips on revenue growth

By **Cassie Buchman**
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Rhonda Adair, owner of the Copper Eagle, a Charleston antiques and vintage shop, which has been around for 10 years, attributes her success to maintaining good relationships with her vendors and customers.

“We talk to vendors, take care of vendors and shoppers,” Adair said. “We’re looking at it from both aspects.”

Adair said she opened the store because she thought it was a niche that needed filling in Charleston.

There were not many antique shops when Adair started.

“When one opens, it paves the way for others,” Adair said. “It builds on itself, I think.”

Adair said that one of the perks of being in Charleston is getting to meet customers of all ages.

“Young people, older people,” Adair said. “They have many interesting things, it’s like going back into a time machine.”

Cindy White, the president and CEO of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, said anyone who starts a business like Adair did has a lot of prep work ahead of them.

This work includes creating a business plan and checking out the competition and the market.

“Financially, you have to see how much it’s going to tax,” White said.

Business plans are needed for financial institutions to offer loans.

“Most people who want to start a business don’t have the money,” White said. “They need investments, loans.”

Charleston does not have many extra restrictions or regulations to open a business.

“Except you probably can’t open a strip club,” White said.

The process of opening a business would be the owner deciding if they are ready to start, then going over to the courthouse and registering with the County Clerk.

“Formally, it has to be processed,”

White said.

Businesses who need help with these items have many resources available to them. They can go online and search business plan templates, and there are also people who can help locally.

One of these people is Tiffany Kline, a business coach and counselor at the Sustainable Entrepreneurship through Education and Development center.

“My roles are interchangeable, I’m mainly a business coach,” Kline said.

She helps people in 10 areas around Coles County who are starting new businesses or expanding current ones.

“They call the SEED center online, we get in touch with them, and work together to help get a businesses plan, and look at finance options,” Kline said.

This service is free and confidential.

“Everybody I work with is so completely different,” Kline said. “A lot of them have had a hard time with the business plan.”

Kline said many are overwhelmed with the suggestions that come up in online searches, so much that they even want to give up.

“There are also people who have problems with the financial side,” Kline said.

She said this was because people might be good at their trade, but not so good with finance.

“For instance, there could be a baker, the best baker in the world, who has trouble creating financial statements,” Kline said. “I can’t make a cupcake to save my life, but I can show them how to handle financial statements.”

This makes it possible for Kline and her client to work as a team.

“With financial statements, I don’t just write it up,” Kline said. “I make sure they know what the numbers mean.”

Richard Wilkinson, a family and consumer sciences associate professor, said businesses look at a lot of factors when they decide where to locate.

“Primary factors are the size and nature of the market and other character-



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Ron Stearns speaks with a client, Tammy Leonard about an item to potentially sell at Copper Eagle.

istics,” Wilkinson said. “You have to have people to buy things before it’s going to be successful.”

These factors and their importance varies based on what each business is selling.

“They look at income level, education, age,” Wilkinson said.

Education and income level matter because there are some businesses that need to be in places with people that have higher income or education levels to understand what they are selling.

Wilkinson said an incentive for stores or restaurants to come for Charleston is the large student base.

“Just look at how many restaurants cater to a younger crowd,” Wilkinson said. “It’s an incentive of the kinds of businesses in Charleston. They target college age students, as seen by the number of fast food restaurants.”

The faculty and staff also attract businesses.

“People with experience in life sciences, technology can help businesses,” Wilkinson said. “If people want to sell online, there are people on campus that could help them.”

Wilkinson said Charleston might be less attractive as a business location is the fact that it is not as close to the interstate as other areas.

“A lot of people rely on the interstate, they’ll pull off to go to shopping,” Wilkinson said. “They’re not going to drive a mile.”

Some students wonder why Charleston does not have the same kinds of chain restaurants as other cities.

“Many students ask, ‘Why not have a Panera?’” Wilkinson said. “The answer is it’s not big enough.”

He said many businesses rely on the

population, in order to reach the amount of sales they need per day.

Although Charleston is not big enough to support certain chain restaurants, it is still able to have grocery stores, gas stations, and other places people need to live.

“Smaller stores that don’t need as high of sales, will be put in smaller towns,” Wilkinson said.

Although not many chains may come to Charleston, a lot of small businesses do.

“The Chamber of Commerce loves to see new businesses come to Charleston,” White said. “They’re the lifeblood of the economy.”

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Student Senate discusses trip to Springfield, election

By **Cassie Buchman**
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Student Senate discussed a resolution to fund their lobbying trip to Springfield and upcoming elections at their meeting Wednesday.

Reginald Thedford, student body president, said a recent proposal made by Gov. Bruce Rauner to cut the higher education budget by 30 percent would lead to over 250 Eastern employees being cut and larger class sizes.

However, Thedford said University

President Bill Perry did a great job when going to Springfield for his legislative testimony.

“The legislators are behind higher education,” he said. “They are on the side of it.”

The Student Action Team is composed of student leaders around campus.

They are planning on lobbying legislators in Springfield about the cuts.

Speaker of the Senate Courtney Sage said they go to Springfield every semester.

“If they cut funding to higher education, it will be more expensive,” Sage said. “It’s already difficult for students to

begin with.”

Catie Witt, the executive vice president for Student Senate, said they currently had 18 applications in for the Student Action Team, but they could only take 16 to Springfield.

Along with the budget cuts, they were also going to Springfield to lobby about the proposal to make the MAP Grants into a loan.

To go to Springfield, Student Senate would need to take the university vans, as well as other expenses such as food and drinks.

The new deadline for student senate elections is April 1, but the elections are not being pushed back.

Thedford said the outreaching to students was critical, and urged student senate members to reach out to students.

“We as Student Government members need to talk to friends, classmates,” he said. “If we’re successful with what we do, we’re going to be excited about it naturally.”

The requirements to participate in elections are a 2.5 GPA and being in good standing with the university.

Voting in elections will take place on

April 13 and 14. A debate will take place April 6.

For the debates, all of the potential executive board members will debate different aspects of their platforms. If there is only one person running, they will still present their platform at that time.

Those who want to run for executive board member positions need to obtain 100 signatures.

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Stop by and show support for undergrad and grad student researchers at EIU; MLK Grand Ballroom

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Margorie Clemente

Understanding ASMR and its popularity

Ever since I was a kid I’ve experienced a phenomenon that I didn’t even know had a name till just a few years back. Whenever someone spoke softly, whispered or simply made a relaxing tapping sound with their hands on an object and even chewing sounds, I was mesmerized.

A series of tingles spread across the back of my scalp, turning my brain to mush and a pleasant little shiver shot up and down my spine. It probably sounds sexual, but there is nothing remotely sexualized about ASMR.

Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response—though this is not the scientific term, it does help us ASMR aficionados understand it a little more.

I was thrilled when I discovered some kind of label or name to this wondrous phenomenon. In the thread of comments on these videos on YouTube, people have said that this sensation has cured headaches, helped with insomnia, relieved stress/anxiety, and stopped panic attacks. I can honestly say that while watching these videos, I have felt an intense relaxation that spreads throughout—even within my chest.

I remember a kindergarten teacher’s nails skittering across her wooden desk, the way she smacked her lips and spoke with a purr in her voice. I remember a young boy reading quietly to himself during silent reading, and I picked the beanbag chair near him just to listen in on his whispering. It started out with just whispering, but throughout the years, I developed a strong liking to other triggers.

Sometimes this included chewing sounds, scratching gently on certain surfaces like velvet or corduroy and even the sounds of consonants being repeated. It immediately relaxes me.

I found a community of ASMRtists and ASMR lovers on YouTube and was incredibly relieved that I wasn’t the only weirdo out there who for whatever reason experienced extreme pleasure in listening to mouth sounds or tapping. Others felt fuzzy in the brain, light-headed and sleepy as well.

ASMR often consists of interpersonal bonding like eye gazing, light touching, whispering—all things associated with comfort.

There is a pattern here that reveals what human beings crave: affection. Trust me, it’s not some weird fetish and it isn’t some elaborate hoax that people have made up on the Internet. Many of us have experienced this sensation for as long as we can remember.

There is actually a research project that is currently in process on the www.asmr university.com website. The project is an online survey that hopes to provide the first global, demographic study about ASMR.

It is for those who have experienced ASMR, who have stopped experiencing it, who have never experienced ASMR, and who are unsure if they have ever experienced it.

The large variety of participants will allow researchers to find out which personality traits, medical conditions, gender, ages, and other variables are more associated with those who experienced ASMR and much more.

So if any of you have had any trouble sleeping or are currently under stress, just check out ASMR on YouTube.

There are hundreds of categories and many different forms of ASMR accompanied by some very talented, kind and innovative individuals. I don’t think any of you would regret it. It’s certainly helped me with my panic attacks and insomnia, headaches and plenty more.

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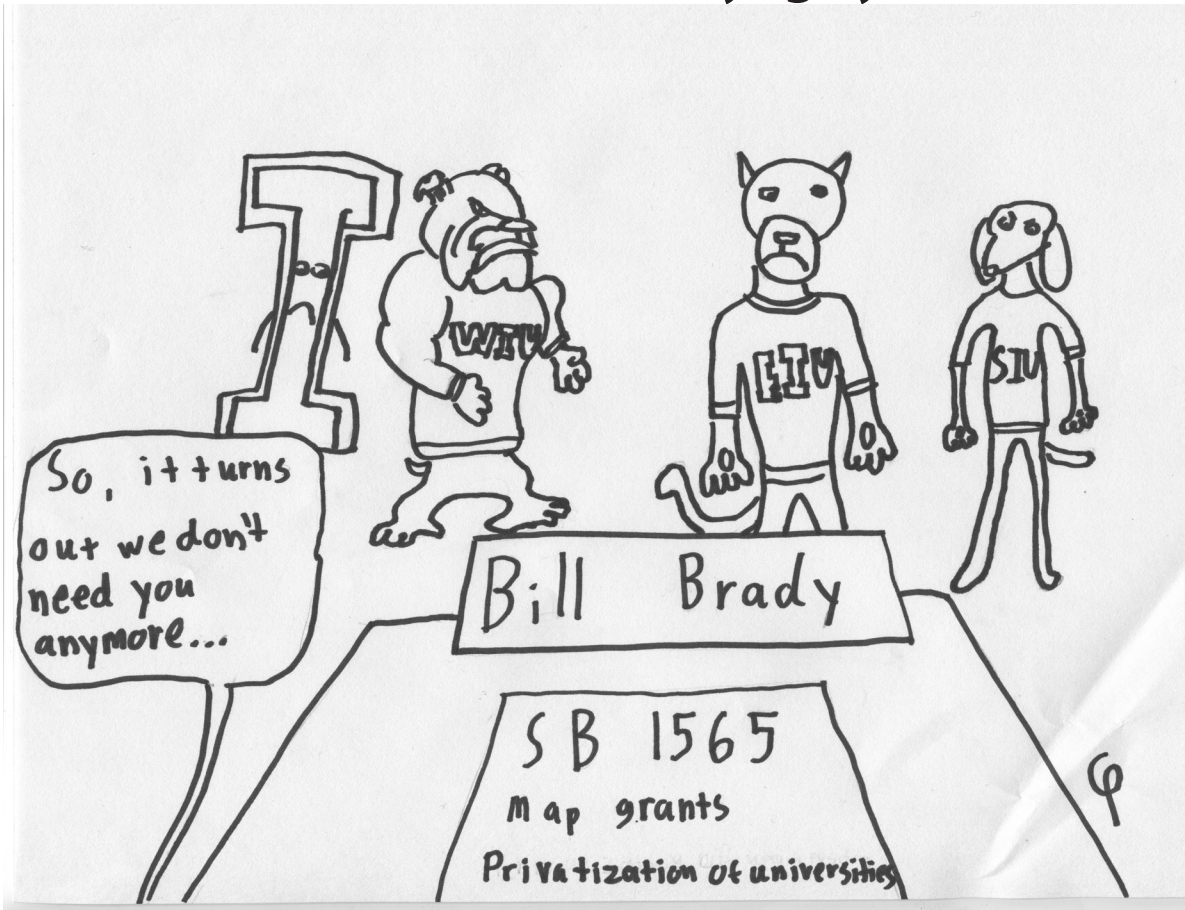
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Some small cities have the biggest hearts

A small town has many opportunities people may not realize especially for artist of different forms. Charleston is a good example of a small town with plenty of potential artists.

Eastern has their own museum, the Tarble Arts Center, and it is accredited by an official museum association so it is on the same level as any big city museum.

Students and other various artists who have had their artwork put on display in Tarble. People from all over the county and some from out of state has come to the museum to see the artwork.

People have made connections that have gotten them farther in life because they were from a small town like Charleston.

Many art students have said in the past if they went to a large art school in a city like Chicago or Seattle, they feel like they would not have the same kind of connections they

found while being in a small town.

When it comes to musicians there are plenty of them from our town as well. If anyone as ever visited one of the bars in the Square then they would be able to hear bands play their heart out at night.

At the Starbucks nearby Eastern there is a musician The Daily Eastern News has written about named Jeremy McConnaha.

He is a barista at the coffee shop and is currently working hard to try to make it big with the help of some of the big named people he has gotten the opportunity to meet in the past.

The problem with being in a small town is the assumption people make about there being nothing to do and no one will make something of themselves.

Some people have said you need to be in a big city to make it big, but that is not always the case. McConnaha, for example,

lives in Coles County, a place he has said is known for “being more Conservative” but he is still doing what he can to make his dream of being a musician come true.

At Eastern there are even some professors who are a part of the music scene. Bryan Murley, a journalism professor, plays in a band as well. He and the band have played in the Square many times.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* believe there is more to a small town then people think—that there are people who can do great things with talents they possess.

It does not matter how big or small the town you live in is, it just matters how hard you want to make it as an artist, musician or whatever you chose to be.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Charleston may be small in size but has plenty to offer

Every day I hear complaints about how boring Charleston is, about how there’s nothing to do, etc. And every day, I can’t help but wonder if that person complaining has actually looked around and taken advantage of their surroundings, as cliché as it sounds.

I’ll admit it, when I first got here; I used to be one of those students. Coming from a suburb of Chicago, I was slightly jarred by Charleston’s small size, and the fact that it seemed to have less things to do than my old town.

But while there might not be as many stores or attractions as a big city like Chicago, Charleston still has its own perks and quirks that makes it unique. After becoming city editor, I got to see this for the first time as I saw and explored different parts of the city that a lot of people didn’t. I got to know and see stores that sell things I’d never seen before and see a community that really cares about its neighbors.

In my old town, large corporations make up the majority of the businesses. Small businesses in my town are somewhat rare, or at least much rarer than there are here. I never realized how refreshing it was to see people



Cassie Buchman

who loved what they did and opened businesses purely to pursue their passion, whether it be selling antiques or books or owning a bakery. It’s great to come to a town where people can get their clothes and other things from smaller, family-owned businesses, instead of relying completely on Target, or Wal-Mart.

There’s something here for every student, if they’re willing to look around and make the most of the time they have in Charleston.

I believe if students at Eastern made the effort to show they care about the town they live in, the town will follow suit. If they took the time to see everything it has to offer, they would appreciate it here a little more.

Where else would you be able to find an analog only, vinyl recording studio and an antique store that sells actual bullets used in the Civil War in the same area?

There are places to fit every interest, from art to gaming to community service opportunities. There are open mic nights, free concerts, and many several local theatre companies. There are fundraisers, and community events going on all the time. There’s local, small businesses owned by families and people who live in and know the town extremely well.

While most of us, including me, have aspirations to travel and live in big cities, in countries all over the world, we should take time while we’re here, in a smaller town, to take advantage of what’s here. We won’t be in Charleston forever, and these few college years will come to an end sooner than we can imagine. I know I’ll regret time I did not make connections and explore every inch of this place, and seeing what it has to offer.

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Church seeks to bring comfort dogs to Eastern

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The Charleston Immanuel Lutheran Church is looking to supply Eastern students with a comfort dog as a way to relieve stress and provide support.

Greg Witto, director of the campus ministry, said the project is based in Chicago.

He said the Lutheran Church Charities, the organization who owns the dogs, has placed over 60 dogs throughout the United States.

Witto said the church is looking at acquiring a comfort dog for the students of Eastern.

“A pet of your own is trained and attuned to your needs and can reduce stress, can bring some comfort, can bring some stability, can bring some calmness,” he said.

He said they are considered as a service dogs as well.

“That is exactly what these comfort dogs are trained to do,” he said. “They are licensed, certified trained service dogs. So they are trained not to bark, not to lick, not to run, not to jump but to just be there so that you can pet

them and provide comfort,” Witto said.

He said the comfort dog breed is Golden Retriever because they tend to be more attuned and caring dogs a less rambunctious then other breeds.

Witto said the church first learned about these dogs after the school shootings in Northern Illinois University about five or six years ago when the comfort dogs started to become popular.

“The organization took the comfort dogs to the university, because they were located in Chicago and were close to the school, and students just gravitated to the dogs,” he said. “It was beneficial and valuable in their fear and their anxiety, distress and tragedy. It brought a lot of healing and comfort in the mist of a lot of chaos.”

After this, the comfort dogs have grown throughout the United States.

The dogs have been to places such as Sandy Hook Elementary School, Boston, and Washington, Ill. after as part of a healing process after tragedy.

“They are a high-profile service dog that has been at all these situations to bring care and comfort to those people who lived through those tragedies,”



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Two comfort dogs are greeted by students at PanterPalooza in the South Quad in the Fall 2014 semester.

Witto said. “The dogs are trained to handle any kind of loss, grief and tragedy. The handlers and the caregivers who also be trained to be able to intervene and support people going through those type of situations.”

The ministry had two comfort dogs at Panterpalooza and Witto said there was an overwhelming amount of stu-

dents who came to the booth were the dogs were resting.

“We even asked students if they would see the comfort dogs valuable on campus and if they would like to visit a dog more then at Panterpalooza,” he said. “All the students we spoke to and who filled out a survey said this would definitely be a benefit to the university.”

Witto said he heard comments from the students who said they missed their dogs who were at home.

“A lot of freshmen, newer students, transfer students for them it was just kind of a relief moment making the transition into a new place and a new thing,” he said.

The church’s process is currently developing a plan on how they would use those animals, as well as find people to act as support personnel.

Witto said after funding is made, it would take 12 to 24 months to raise and train a dog.

Witto said in the next few months he hopes the ministry will have a mission plan to be able to continue on with the process to getting the comfort dog.

“We do have some money and we are going to be looking for partners to help support this,” he said. “It is a substantial expense, but we feel it is a benefit that we can bring on campus.”

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He said Rardin initially worked at Eastern right out of high school, then worked for CCAR Industries for a time and returned in the mid ’90s, building up nearly 25 years of service to the university.

Hild said having Rardin as a secretary made his time as chair much easier, as her working relationships around campus were advantageous when dealing with other areas.

He also said she worked efficiently and paid attention to details.

“Her goal was always to make certain that the budget came out to the penny every month so there was no slippage,” Hild said. “She always new how much money we spent and how much we had left.”

Hild described Rardin as down-to-earth and said she enjoyed country living, as she had grown up on a farm,

taken care of horses for years and enjoyed deer hunting.

“She dressed casual in a sense; she wasn’t going to be wearing heels to work,” he said. “If she could avoid it, I don’t think she wore a dress too often to work.”

Both Griffin and Hild said she was instrumental in putting on the department’s holiday art sale every year.

“You can’t even start to put a dollar total with the amount of money that Sue helped raise to support scholarships for the department, and organizing and running and overseeing the art sale,” Griffin said.

They also both agreed that while Rardin was always willing to help, she was also firm with students and faculty when she needed to be.

“If somebody was not doing their job in the department, she had no

problem telling them so,” Hild said.

Griffin also said Rardin stepped up when he took the chair position, as he still had to teach classes and couldn’t always take care of things in the office.

“She went above and beyond; she devoted everything she could to this department,” Griffin said. “You could just always count on her; you just knew she’d help you one way or the other.”

Public visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Adams Funeral Chapel, 2330 Shawnee Drive. Memorial gifts may be made to the Coles County Animal Shelter and may be left during visitation or mailed to the funeral home.

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Lay remembers himself being more timid, while Neason enjoyed it so much he eventually went to Las Vegas to skydive.

“My ride was with a bunch of women, and so I was like, ‘I’m out of this plane; I’m not going to be the only guy left in this plane,’” Lay said.

“But that was a lot of fun, and he kept doing it.”

Dustin Carey, a building service worker in Taylor Hall, first met Neason last summer and said he remembers laughing and having a good time working with him.

“He was always the first to volunteer and very helpful,” Carey said. “He was just a really nice

guy.”

Carey said Neason was responsible for the third, fourth and fifth floors in Taylor’s south tower where he cleaned bathrooms and handled trash, recycling and daily maintenance.

“He wanted to do a good job and he had a good attitude,” Carey said.

Schilling Funeral Home is assisting Neason’s family with private services to take place at a later date.

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Paul McCann, the interim vice president for business affairs, said Eastern has already committed or spent most of its allocated budget, and he would have to start looking for places where the university could give money back.

While some expenses would have to be reallocated, McCann said he pre-

dicts this would mostly mean Eastern’s fund balance would be reduced, which is the amount of money the university has left at the end of the year.

“We usually just about break even,” he said.

Though it is too early to tell exactly what would have to be done, the university has been anticipating budget

decreases, McCann said.

“We knew there were going to be changes in the budget,” he said. “We’ll have to look at where we can take it from, but it will work.”

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CORRECTION

• In Wednesday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, an article titled “Panels explores reasons behind immigration” corruption at the borders, separation of families, loneliness, and addiction should have been listed as consequences of poor immigration law, and the correct spelling of one of the panel members’ name is Doris Nordin. *The News* regrets the error.

• In Wednesday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News* an article titled “Cavetone to celebrate seven years of successful records” the owners’ names should have been printed as Keri Cousins and Scott Walus. *The News* regrets the error.



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Hunter Clark, a freshman pitcher, prepares to throw the ball Wednesday in the Panthers’ scrimmage game at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers will be up against Murray State Friday at Coaches Stadium.

Taylor, Johansmeier nominated for OVC awards

By Bob Reynolds
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Eastern red-shirt junior outfielder Demetre Taylor and junior pitcher Jake Johnasmeier were nominated for Ohio Valley Conference weekly awards for their performances this past weekend at Jacksonville State.

Taylor was nominated for OVC Player of the Week after he went 8-for-16 at the plate. He drove in five runs and leads the team with a .313 batting average. He also ranks 18th nationally in triples per game.

Senior infielder Dane Sauer said it is big for their team that Taylor is starting to produce offensively.

“He’s huge,” he said. “Everybody feeds off him, which is good when he is hot. Hopefully we can continue the trend and keep him going.”

Eastern coach Jimmy Schmitz added that it is good to see Taylor get comfortable.

“It will mean a lot to our of-

fense if he and Brant Valach get it going,” he said. “They both are improving each week and will explode soon.”

Johansmeier, on the other hand, was nominated for OVC Pitcher of the Week after allowing just three runs, two were earned, over seven innings in the series finale at Jacksonville State.

Johansmeier is 0-2 on the season in seven appearances thus far this season. He has pitched 24 innings, allowed 32 hits and 18 earned runs. He has struck out 17 batters.

Eastern lost its junior shortstop, Mitch Gasbarro, against the Memphis Tigers two weeks ago after he was attempted to bunt and was hit on the wrist and fractured it.

He will be out 4-to-6 weeks according to coach Jimmy Schmitz. Sauer said with Gasbarro being out, that is a big loss to their team.

“He was just starting to get hot,” Sauer said. “Us other guys have to step up. Cale has been playing pretty well too, so that’s good.”

At the time of his injury, Gasbarro was hitting .205 with three RBI. He had an .304 on-base percentage.

Beaty, Evans win OVC Player of the Week

“He’s huge. Everybody feeds off him, which is good when he is hot. Hopefully we can continue the trend and keep him going.”

-Dane Sauer, senior infielder

Belmont senior infielder Matt Beaty and Southeast Missouri outfielder Clayton Evans shared OVC Player of the Week for this week.

Beaty hit .467 with four runs

scored, two homeruns and nine runs batted in and a stolen base. He had a .867 slugging percentage and a .566 on-base percentage in four Belmont victories last week. He was 3-for-4 in the series opener with Morehead State.

In game two of that series, he drove in five runs batted in by hitting two home runs in a 10-3 victory. He finished off the week with a pair of RBI singles as Belmont won, 5-4, to complete the sweet of Morehead State.

Beaty currently ranks third in the OVC with a .415 batting average.

Evans hit .500 last week and scored seven runs. He had two homeruns, seven RBI and a .938 slugging percentage. He had a .579 on-base percentage as Southeast Missouri went 4-1 last week, including a non-conference win at Arkansas and then a sweep of OVC rival Tennessee-Martin.

Evans homered in the 12-11 SEMO win at Arkansas Wednesday.

day.

In the first game of the UT-Martin series, Evans was 2-for-3 with a grand slam and five RBI. Evans currently has an 11-game hitting streak.

Belmont senior pitcher Dan Ludwin won OVC Pitcher of the week after pitching a 3-hit shut-out in the 9-0 victory over Morehead State Friday. He allowed a single in the fourth inning and a pair of singles in the sixth inning and then retired the final 10 batters he faced.

He struck out four Eagles batters and did not walk won. He improved his record to 2-1 this season with a 2.35 earned run average.

Eastern will be back in action at 3 p.m. at Coaches Stadium against Murray State.

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Panthers blanked in Edwardsville

By Bob Reynolds
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The Eastern women’s tennis team had its six-match winning streak snapped Wednesday afternoon at the hand of the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Cougars.

The Cougars defeated the Panthers, 7-0, dropping the Panthers record to 3-2 in conference play. The Panthers overall record drops to 8-4.

Junior Ali Foster lost a singles match for the first time since the first match of the regular season. She was

riding a 10-match winning streak until Wednesday.

Sophomore Mia Frogner defeated Foster in three sets 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. Foster is now 10-2 in singles matches this season and was nominated for Ohio Valley Conference Female Athlete of the Week this week for tennis.

She ranks seventh in the OVC in total wins overall.

The Panthers did not gain the doubles point for the second time in three matches as they were swept in the three matches.

The Panther doubles pair of freshman Grace Summers and senior

Sephora Boulbahaem lost to Frogner and senior Kali Donner 8-7, (8-6).

Foster and junior Hannah Kimbrough lost to Cougar sophomores Lexi Aranda and Sierra Halverson 8-4.

Aranda and Halverson are undefeated in OVC play at 5-0.

Junior Kelly Iden and sophomore Kamile Stadalninkaite took Edwardsville senior’s Haley Ilcewicz and Monique Krutak to a tiebreaker but lost 8-7 (7-5).

In other singles matches, Iden was defeated in straight sets 6-1, 6-2 by

Aranada. Krutak got her seventh victory in a row in singles matches by defeated Summers in straight sets 6-2, 6-0.

Boulbahaem was defeated in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 by Donner.

Kimbrough defeated Halverson in the first set 6-3, but lost the last two 6-0, 10-4. In the final singles match, Ilcewicz defeated Stadalninkaite 6-1, 6-0.

The Panthers rank third in the conference as a team with a 3-1 record in the conference and are behind Morehead State, who is 3-0, and Eastern Kentucky , who is

also 3-0.

Eastern will be back in action in Friday as it heads to Tennessee-Martin to take on the Skyhawks at 1 p.m. The Skyhawks are fifth in the conference with a 2-1 record.

The Panthers have five matches left on their schedule, which include two matches at Darling Courts on Apr. 10 and Apr. 11 against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

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TOP CAT

O'Dell brings power to the plate

By Sean Hastings
Staff reporter | @Den_Sports

Senior shortstop for the Eastern softball team, Bailey O'Dell, is showing more power at the plate this year than any of her previous years as a Panther.

O'Dell currently leads the team with eight homeruns, with three of those coming in the first seven games of their conference schedule. O'Dell also had 12 RBI's in those seven games.

Her performance in the games against Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State earned her the "Top Cat" honor from the Daily Eastern News Staff.

O'Dell's power at the plate used to not be a very common occurrence for her.

"I've never really been a home-run hitter," O'Dell said.

Since she is not usually a homerun hitter, she said it feels great to be able to do it now and contribute to the team in that way.

"It's nice especially when your team is behind to hit the home-run," O'Dell said. "It's probably the best feeling in the world to help your team out that much and to get those go ahead runs."

In her senior year, she has really found the power stroke. She has more homeruns through 23 games this season than she has had in any other full season. She is three shy of reaching her total between the three years combined.

"I don't know why this year," O'Dell said. "Maybe just my timing is better. Maybe I'm just lifting more weights."

Her previous season high for homeruns was six in her sophomore year.

All of the homeruns that O'Dell hits helps contribute to her team high .425 batting average.

The high average gives O'Dell more confidence when she steps up to the plate.

"When I'm hitting the ball and having a good batting average, you just feel more confident," O'Dell said. "I know that's why I'm being so successful. It is because it gives you more confi-



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Senior shortstop, Bailey O'Dell currently leads the Eastern softball team with eight homeruns and 25 RBIs. Twelve of those RBIs happened in the last seven games. Her performance in the games against Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State earned her the "Top Cat" honor .

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Besides being a power threat at the plate, O'Dell is also a major run producer, leading the team with 25 runs batted in and she has also scored 23 times. Sophomore Amber Toenyes is second on the list with 15 RBI's.

Twelve of her 25 RBI's came in those last seven games.

Her biggest game of them all was the second game against Austin Peay.

O'Dell went 3-4 in the game, with a grand slam and five RBI's. She also scored a run on a hit by senior Hannah Cole after doubling and driving in junior Jenette Isaac.

When she hit her grand slam, she didn't even realize that she had done it.

"I didn't even know I had hit a grand slam until I came in,"

O'Dell said.

She also felt the best in that game out of the seven that they played.

O'Dell said she really felt like she was seeing the ball and that is a big part of why she was successful. She said that when she doesn't see it as well is when she struggles.

"In that game, it was like a beach ball," O'Dell said.

O'Dell loves that she was able to contribute the team as much as she did.

"Whether I'm doing it offensively or defensively, anything I can do to help the team is awesome," O'Dell said. "It's what my job is as a teammate, as a player it is to do anything I can to help the team and I feel like I have so far."

Junior April Markowski said

O'Dell means a lot to the team.

"I think although 'Bay' might not be the most vocal, everyone still looks up to her," Markowski said. "She's a great role model. She's great offensively and defensively. We have a lot of faith in her to always get the job done."

Markowski joked that the reason for O'Dell's success is because she sings a special song to her every time she is at bat.

O'Dell's success at the plate can rub off onto the other players because "hitting is contagious."

She said that if one player can hit a double or get on base somehow, it builds the confidence of everyone hitting behind them, and that if she can hit it the other players will believe that they can as well.

O'Dell's solid hitting does not only help the hitters get better, it

also helps freshman pitcher Jessica Wireman with her pitching.

"When I face (O'Dell) in practice, it makes me a better pitcher because I have to be perfect with every pitch I throw her," Wireman said.

From a hitters stand point for Wireman, she learns that no matter what her size is, she can be a powerful hitter.

For the rest of the season, O'Dell said she is just going to take each at bat one at a time and not focus on an end number for RBIs and homeruns and will just focus on getting on base to help the team win.

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Men's tennis team falls short at SIUE

By Cody Delmendo
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Eastern men's tennis team fell short Wednesday afternoon at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville taking the loss 4-3 at the SIUE Courts in Edwardsville.

Eastern now sits at 2-2 in conference play and 3-11 overall with five matches remaining. With the loss, the Cougars moved ahead of the Panthers in the conference standings with a 3-2 record.

The Panthers now sit in fourth place tied with Morehead State.

"It was another tough one," junior Robert Skolik said. "It's nice to know we are capable of competing with these teams but as the season passes by, losses like this become harder and harder."

Eastern coach Eric Stark stated Tuesday that Edwardsville was

tough in doubles matches, which was a true statement after this matchup the next day.

"It was another tough one. It's nice to know we are capable of competing with these teams but as the season passes by, losses like this become harder and harder."

- Robert Skolik,
junior doubles player

The Panthers started out well in doubles winning the No. 1 match but falling in the last two matches giving the Cougars the doubles point.

Eastern's No. 1 doubles duo Skolik and freshman Preston Toulaiatos added to their team leading doubles record with a 8-7 win over Edwardsville seniors Stephen Washuta and Nicolas Vincent.

The duo now sits at 5-8 overall and 2-1 in conference matches.

"Doubles was a solid win for Preston and me," Skolik said.

After the duo won the first match, the Cougars took over from there in doubles matches. Cougar juniors Marten Jonsson and Nico Kuehn defeated fellow Panther juniors Ryan Henderson and Rui Silva 8-5, and Edwardsville junior Patrick Gaffigan and sophomore Matthew Hutchinson defeated the Reiman twins, Grant and Trent 8-2.

Singles matches were back in fourth for most of the day with the Panthers winning the No. 1 and No. 2 matches but then losing the

No. 3 and No. 4 matches.

Skolik won the No. 1 match in a tiebreaker 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 over Vincent. The win gave Skolik his seventh straight singles victory, which leads the team overall. He now sits at 8-6 overall in singles matches.

Toulaiatos defeated Jonsson in a tiebreaker as well 1-6, 7-6, 6-3. The freshman now has won three straight singles matches and looks like he's continuing to build confidence.

The Cougars took a 3-2 lead after Henderson and senior David Constantinescu both took losses in the No. 3 and No. 4 spots.

Silva lost a close match in the No. 5 singles spot going to a tiebreaker as well defeating Edwardsville freshman Tristan Houle 6-3, 5-7, 10-7, which brought the match to a 3-3 tie going into the No. 6 singles spot.

Freshman Trent Reiman failed to win a set against Gaffigan taking the loss 6-1, 6-1.

"He played a good match, but it was only his third of the season, which is a tough situation," Skolik said. "I couldn't be more proud the way he fought on the tennis court today though."

The Panthers now have a couple days to rest up before they take a break from conference action and face off against Saint Louis on Saturday.

Eastern still needs two more conference wins to make the OVC Tournament but will look to build some confidence at home at the Darling Courts at 1 p.m.

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